A Message from Executive Director, Dr. Edward Liebow

The AAA office moved into its new office space at the end of June. If you have not done so already, take note that our new address is 2300 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 1301, Arlington, VA 22201 (same phone numbers for all staff).

In the past few weeks, anthropologists have had a lot of say about the US Supreme Court rulings on civil rights and marriage equality. In the same week, the Court struck down a key part of the Voting Rights Act, leaving the protection of the civil rights at risk, while also promoting marriage equality through its rulings on the federal Defense of Marriage Act and California’s Proposition 8.

In the publishing world, ISI Impact Factors for 2012 were reported last week. We are very pleased that POLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review debuted in the top half of the Anthropology list. Medical Anthropology Quarterly is now the highest ranking title in medical anthropology. Also ranking highly are American Ethnologist, the Journal of Linguistic Anthropology and ETHOS.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences released a report “The Heart of the Matter: The Humanities and Social Sciences” calling for the United States to invest in areas of social science research and education.

The 2013 AAA Summer Interns have just arrived. We still need to reach our fundraising goal for this program. Please contribute today.

Looking towards the fall, hotel reservations can now be made for the 112th AAA Annual meeting in Chicago (November 20-24). Be sure to book your room today to take advantage of the discounted rates.

With warm wishes,

Ed

Discounted Hotel Rates for the 2013 AAA Annual Meeting
Discounted rates are now available for the 112th Annual Meeting in Chicago November 20-24, 2013. Scholarly sessions and special events will take place at the Chicago Hilton, Renaissance Blackstone and Essex Inn. Discounted rates are available for a limited time, book your room today.

AAA Dismayed by the US Supreme Court Ruling on Voting Rights Act
The US Supreme Court rulings strikes down the key part of the Voting Rights Act leaving much work to be done to preserve civil rights. Read the statement (PDF).

AAA, DOMA & Prop8
AAA welcomes separate rulings by the US Supreme Court, which struck down the main provisions of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and also allowed same-sex marriage to remain legal in California. Read more in the AAA Press Room.

AAA Applauds Report of Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences
"The Heart of the Matter: The Humanities and Social Sciences" report by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences is a call to action for the United States to make significant investments in the areas of social science research and education. Read more (PDF).